PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS:

LUDL -2

SERIAL NO.:

10/002,545

GROUP:

2872

FILED:

OCTOBER 26, 2001

EXAMINER: T.Q.NGUYEN

TITLE:

AUTOMATED SLIDE LOADER CASSETTE FOR MICROSCOPE

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a) (3)

MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated JUNE 12, 2003, for three months, SEPTEMBER 12, 2003 to DECEMBER 12,2003. Submitted herewith, under Rule 17(a)(3), is a check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a Small Entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

12/17/2003 BABRAHA1 00000012 10002545

01 FC:2253

475.00 DP

COLLARD & ROE, P.C. 1077 Northern Boulevard Roslyn, New York 11576 (516) 365-9802

Respectfully submitted, Helmut LUDL -2

Allison C.Collard, Meg No.22,532 Edward R.Freedman/Reg.No.26,048

Attorneys for Applicant

ERF:dm

Check in the amount of \$475.00 for a Small Enclosure: 1) Entity

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **DECEMBER 12, 2003.**

Maria Guastella

R:\Patents\L\LudI-2\Ext 3 Mos.wpd